Qt

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Qt is a cross-platform application development framework for desktop, embedded and mobile.

With **Qt**, GUIs can be written directly in C++ using its **Widgets** module. Qt also comes with an interactive graphical tool called **Qt Designer** which functions as a code generator for Widgets based GUIs. **Qt Designer** can be used stand-alone but is also integrated into Qt Creator.

Qt is far more than a GUI toolkit. It provides modules for cross-platform development in the areas of networking, databases, OpenGL, web technologies, sensors, communications protocols (Bluetooth, serial ports, NFC), XML and JSON processing, printing, PDF generation, and much more.

1. Create simple application without Qt Creator

1. Create project folder

```
Example: 03-SimpleAppWithouQtCreator
```

2. Add the following main.cpp file

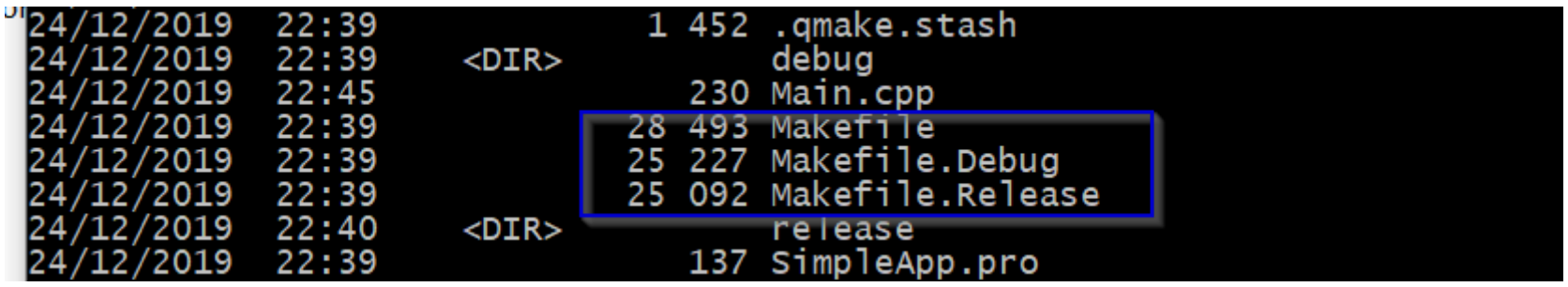
```
#include <QApplication>
#include <QColor>
#include <QTextEdit>

int main(int argc, char **argv)
{
 QApplication app (argc, argv);

 QTextEdit textEdit("My Text in text edit");
 textEdit.show();

 return app.exec();
}
```

3.Add Qt project file SimpleApp.pro

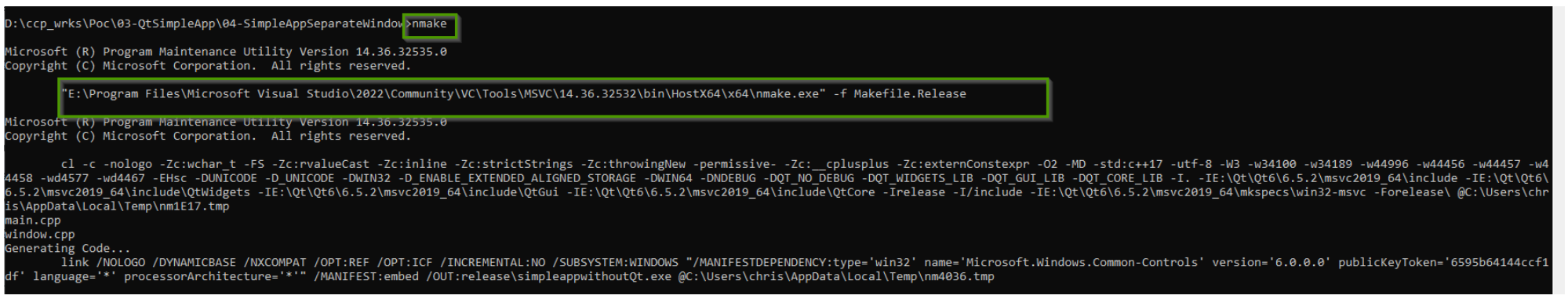
```
TEMPLATE = app
TARGET = simpleappwithoutQt

QT = core gui

greaterThan(QT_MAJOR_VERSION, 4): QT += widgets

SOURCES +=  main.cpp
```

4.In QT command window (MSVS or MingW) call **qmake** tool. The qmake generates the make files.

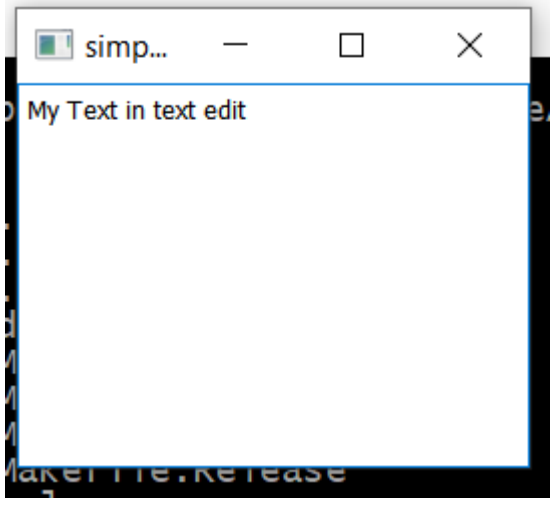
Note: In MSVS the vcvars.bat should be run before.



5.In QT command windows run the make/nmake command.



6.Run the **.exe file created in release/debug folder (*from command line**).



2. Deploy Qt application

2.1. Windows

Qt application Deployement for Windows

1. Execute nmake release. This will create the **release** folder.
2. In the release folder execute **windeployqt** windows deployement tool.

```
Example: windeployqt simpleappwithoutQt.exe
```

```
E:\ccp_vhdd_main\workspace_ming\Poc\03-QtSimpleApp\04-SimpleAppSeparateWindow\release>windeployqt simpleappwithoutQt.exe
E:\ccp_vhdd_main\workspace_ming\Poc\03-QtSimpleApp\04-SimpleAppSeparateWindow\release\simpleappwithoutQt.exe 64 bit, release executable
Adding Qt5Svg for qsvgicon.dll
Direct dependencies: Qt5Core Qt5Widgets
All dependencies   : Qt5Core Qt5Gui Qt5Widgets
To be deployed     : Qt5Core Qt5Gui Qt5Svg Qt5Widgets
Updating Qt5Core.dll.
Updating Qt5Gui.dll.
Updating Qt5Svg.dll.
Updating Qt5Widgets.dll.
Updating libGLESV2.dll.
Updating libEGL.dll.
Updating d3dcompiler_47.dll.
Updating opengl32sw.dll.
Updating vc_redist.x64.exe.
Patching Qt5Core.dll...
Creating directory E:/ccp_vhdd_main/workspace_ming/Poc/03-QtSimpleApp/04-SimpleAppSeparateWindow/release/iconengines.
Updating qsvgicon.dll.
Creating directory E:/ccp_vhdd_main/workspace_ming/Poc/03-QtSimpleApp/04-SimpleAppSeparateWindow/release/imageformats.
Updating qgif.dll.
Updating qicns.dll.
Updating qico.dll.
Updating qjpeg.dll.
Updating qsvg.dll.
Updating qtga.dll.
Updating qtiff.dll.
Updating qwbmp.dll.
Updating qwebp.dll.
Creating directory E:/ccp_vhdd_main/workspace_ming/Poc/03-QtSimpleApp/04-SimpleAppSeparateWindow/release/platforms.
Updating qwindows.dll.
Creating directory E:/ccp_vhdd_main/workspace_ming/Poc/03-QtSimpleApp/04-SimpleAppSeparateWindow/release/styles.
Updating qwindowsvistastyle.dll.
Creating E:\ccp_vhdd_main\workspace_ming\Poc\03-QtSimpleApp\04-SimpleAppSeparateWindow\release\translations...
Creating qt_ar.qm...
Creating qt_bg.qm...
Creating qt_ca.qm...
Creating qt_cs.qm...
Creating qt_da.qm...
Creating qt_de.qm...
Creating qt_en.qm...
Creating qt_es.qm...
Creating qt_fi.qm...
Creating qt_fr.qm...
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Creating qt_lv.qm...
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Creating qt_uk.qm...
Creating qt_zh_TW.qm...
```

3.This creates the deployement package.

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platforms	25/12/2019 10:56	File folder	
styles	25/12/2019 10:56	File folder	
translations	25/12/2019 10:56	File folder	
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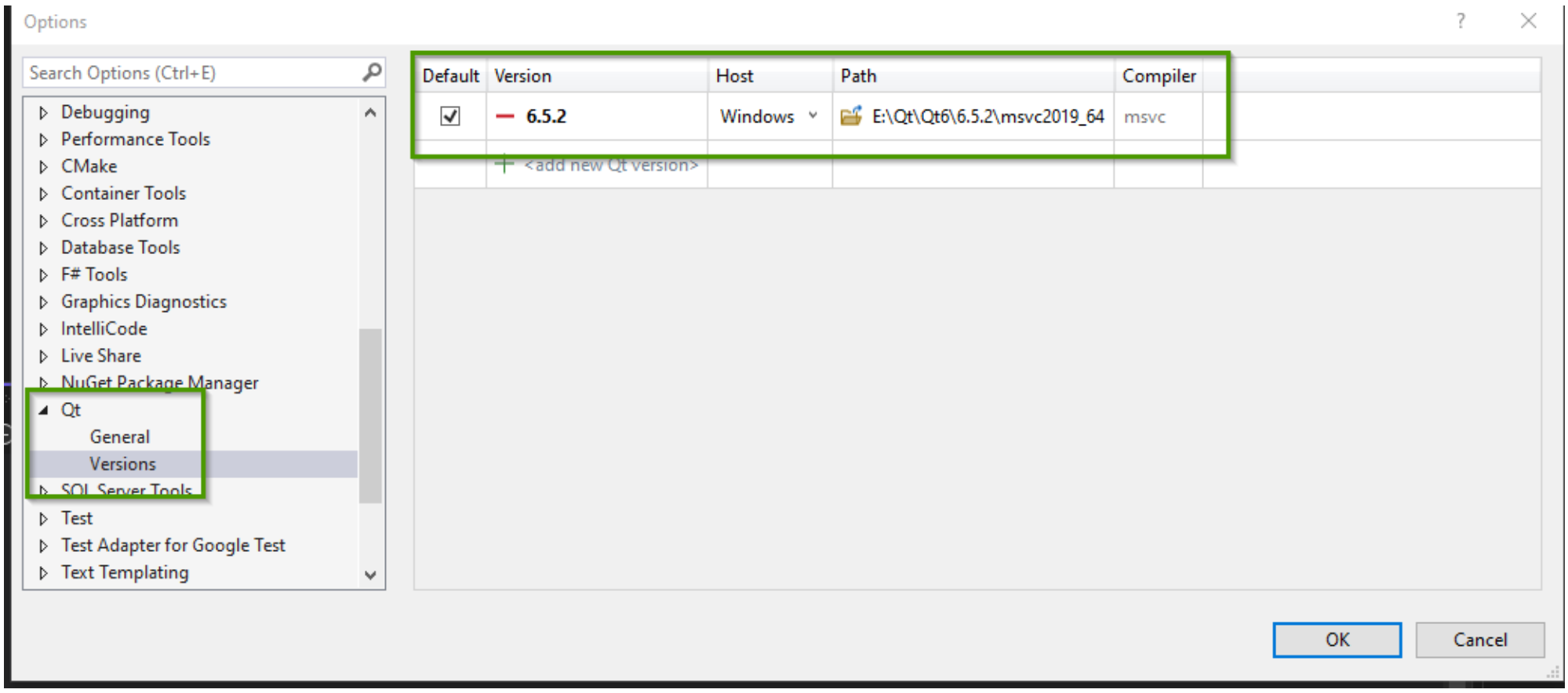
libEGL.dll	08/11/2019 17:37	Application extens...	24 KB
libGLESV2.dll	08/11/2019 17:37	Application extens...	3 496 KB
opengl32sw.dll	14/06/2016 14:00	Application extens...	20 433 KB
Qt5Core.dll	25/12/2019 10:56	Application extens...	6 021 KB
Qt5Gui.dll	08/11/2019 17:37	Application extens...	6 357 KB
Qt5Svg.dll	09/11/2019 20:31	Application extens...	331 KB
Qt5Widgets.dll	08/11/2019 17:37	Application extens...	5 462 KB
simpleappwithoutQt.exe	25/12/2019 01:00	Application	23 KB
vc_redist.x64.exe	26/10/2019 10:10	Application	14 721 KB

3. Integrate QT with Windows

Open the Visual Studio 2022 IDE. Under tools select Extensions and Updates. click the Online arrow on the left and search for Qt. Install the Qt Visual Studio Tools extension.

Configure Visual Studio to use QT.



4. Troubleshooting

Sometimes the build 64bits doesn't work.

In this case check QMAKE_SPEC variable and set it as win64-msvc

- to query

```
qmake -query QMAKE_SPEC
```

- to set

```
qmake -set QMAKE_SPEC win64-msvc
```

4.1. msvc-version.conf loaded but QMAKE_MSC_VER isn't set

The variable seems to be set by qs QMAKE_MSC_VER = _MSC_VER

Where _MSC_VER is set by MS Visual Studio

I've changed to a build MSVS and it works.

5. Miscelaneous

5.1. Shadow build

Qt has a wonderful option: you can build Qt depending on your need from the same source code in many different flavors. This way you build different versions of Qt on your development machine from the same source code.

Shadow builds

6. Manipulate different file formats

6.1. Microsoft Excel file format

1. Using Excel itself via Qt's ActiveX framework.
2. Using ODBC
3. Using independent parser/writer libraries

For a more portable solution, you could take a look at some of the available third-party C/C++ libraries for parsing/writing Excel files:

	API	.xls	.xlsx	reading	writing	platforms	license
QXlsx	C++ Qt	no	yes	yes	yes	Win, Mac, Linux, …	MIT [weak copyleft]
xlnt	C++	no	yes	yes	yes	Win, Mac, Linux, …	MIT [weak copyleft]
xlsLib	C++	yes	no	no	yes	Win, Mac, Linux, …	LGPL v3 [weak copyleft]
libxls	C	yes	no	yes	no	Win, Mac, Linux, …	LGPL [weak copyleft]
LibXL	C++	yes	yes	yes	yes	Win, Mac, Linux, …	commercial
qtXLS	C	yes	no	yes	yes	Win, ?	commercial
FreeXL	C	yes	no	yes	no	Linux, ?	LGPL / MPL [weak copyleft]
BasicExcel	C++	yes	no	yes	yes	?	?
Number Duck	C++	yes	no	yes	yes	Win, Linux	commercial
Qt Xlsx (Unmaintained)	C++ Qt	no	yes	yes	yes	Win, Mac, Linux, …	MIT [weak copyleft]

Note that these libraries differ in their scope and general approach to the problem.

1. Using manual XML processing

https://wiki.qt.io/Handling_Microsoft_Excel_file_format